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*A Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, too!*



from the
PRESIDENT'S DESK



A very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all the officers and all the members of THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS. This coming year we have a lot of new ideas to work on, such as getting ready for our coming 10th anniversary in New York in 1976. If you have any good ideas of what we can do, then please write to me and let me know. All suggestions will be welcomed. We are working on the idea of having our own special banquet for this special event, but many things have to be worked out first.

Also all rollers interested in rolling out a coin for the anniversary, please let me know. We want to really make this a big event. I've already heard from two or three rollers that are interested in donating coins for this. Don't tell your idea of your coin, let this be a surprise to the members.

Now back to the business for the coming year. Lloyd E. Wagaman again assured me he will make a Promotional elongated coin for 1975 and will make the special Award Coin to be given out in Los Angeles at the ANA convention in August. This is really a great help, not only to me but to TEC too. This Award will have to be earned by the member receiving it and has to be approved by the Board of Directors as to who who will get it.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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I've also had two members ask if they could donate coins for the members to be given out with TEC NEWS for the next two issues. I wish the members knew how much this means when a member donates the coins. Believe me, we could never make a go of it on \$3.00 yearly dues, if it wasn't for these few members that have always donated to TEC. Think about it for a while, what have you done for TEC lately? All I can say is God Bless those few for donating so much to TEC. Even those that have donated coins for door prizes at our TEC meetings have been a great help to TEC also. Without their donations given so generously for these meetings, no one would really get any door prizes, or TEC would have to buy some. Its nice to see the smiling face of those that win something real special as a door prize.

After the holidays I hope all you members going to the convention, start thinking about your exhibits. I'd like to see more of the TEC members out on the west coast exhibit at the convention. Remember TEC also gives out an award for the best elongated exhibit at the convention to a TEC member.

Jim Betton has assured me he will try to find out a few things for us, as to where things are near the hotel. Hope to hear from him so I can put more in for the April issue of TEC NEWS.

Again I'd like to say Merry Christmas folks and may all of you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. God Bless You All.

Sincerely,

Sally Kirka, President

NOTICE!

A call for nominations for TEC officers and board members is now being made. Nominations should be made to the secretary before March 31, 1975.

Nominations are open for all offices, which are, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three members for the Board of Directors. The same officers can be nominated for another term, if they want to run again. Nominations may be made by members in good standing at the time the nonination is submitted. No member may nominate himself and no nominee may accept a nomination for more than one elective office.

You can save the secretary a great amount of time and correspondence, if you will be certain your candidate will accept the nomination.

We would like to have members nominated who are good workers as these jobs are not for fun, or in name only. Not all good friends make good officers. If you haven't got the time to give, don't accept the nomination. Who needs a deadbeat for an officer, or someone writes later they are just to busy with their own work to give you any help. Believe me all these jobs take many hours of your time each week, especially the job of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

A nominating committee has been appointed to assure at least one nominee for each office. Hopefully officers nominated are those that go to the ANA Conventions as without officers, we sure couldn't hold any TEC annual meetings at the ANA Conventions. So stop and think before nominating a person for an officer. We need workers if we are to go ahead.

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Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS
are \$3.00 per calendar year.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
ATTENTION**

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be re-printed, in whole or in part without written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!**ALL ADVERTISERS**

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready- Full page ad \$10.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00, $\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50

Editor setup- Full page ad \$20.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00, $\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Feb. 12th

Articles - Feb. 14th

COINS DONATED

THE "HENRY W. BLAHA" STORE CARD

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33
Camby, Indiana



The free elongated coin you will find enclosed in this issue of TEC NEWS can no longer be considered a recent issue. I received the initial order from Henry Blaha in November of 1966 for 1,000 pieces and additional orders in 1967 and 1968. The first coins were rolled on December 20, 1966. There was a total of 2,462 cents, 86 nickels, 111 dimes, 7 quarters, 6 halves and one \$5.00 gold piece rolled. Dies were destroyed on September 28, 1969 and four pieces were rolled from the destroyed die. I have one of the destroyed die specimens in my personal collection. The other three were given to Henry and I have no knowledge of their whereabouts at this time.

After Henry's death, I purchased from the estate a sizable conglomeration of elongateds which he had stored back, I suppose for future use. There was not much in value in it but it did consist of several thousand coins. Among this purchase was a large amount of Henry's store card. I can think of nothing that would please Henry better than for this coin to be used as a give-away with the TEC NEWS. Therefore I am donating enough of these coins so that one can be sent to each member. I would like to call attention to the condition of most of these coins. These were kept in a basement and there was much evidence in the envelopes, 2 x 2 holders and other paper articles that was included in the purchase, that much moisture was present. This moisture is reflected in the condition of the coins. Regardless of this I feel that most members will be most pleased to add this coin to their collection.

I realize many of the older members will already have this coin but I doubt if many that have belonged to TEC less than five years have it as yet.

Now I will go a step further as a tribute to Henry. I have several of these coins that were rolled on silver dimes. For each article of 200 or more words in the next issue of TEC NEWS I will send the writer one of these silver dimes. It's a nice coin and worth working for.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all members who haven't written an article for TEC NEWS, why not give it a try. An article relating to elongated coins, such as how you started collecting elongated coins will earn you a TEC Promotional elongated coin. The article must be of 200 words or more. Short articles are preferred so as to get as many members articles in as we can. If your article is to long it will be put in, in two parts. This doesn't mean that only new members should write, any member can send in an article. I'd also like to ask some of those members who have never written an article to send one in. It's well worth the beautiful Promotional elongated coin to write an article for TEC NEWS. Award chairman Lloyd Wagaman said there will be a big change in the award coin with the date being re-engraved to 1975 along with other major changes.

FROM THE TEC SECRETARY

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

As the secretary of "THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS" for this past year, I've had a wonderful year with the TEC members. I've tried my best to keep up with all my duties and try to answer all business mail. I send out the TEC badges as soon as I can, or within two days after receiving your letters. While I was in the hospital, my wife Sally made sure this was taken care of for me. Sally is a dedicated worker for TEC, so she made sure my work is done.

By the way our TEC badges from the past years are selling fast, as many new members are buying more these days. We are sold out of badges for the years of 1967 and 1972, but have a few extra of all the other past years. Not too many left of the 1973 and 1974's. So if you are still interested and didn't buy yours, you better do so now, as we are selling to anyone who writes in for them.

Remember the money from the sale of these TEC badges helps to pay the cost for making the badges and the rest goes into our TEC treasury. This is the only extra income we get. With the price of printing TEC NEWS going up with each issue, it would be nice to see all our TEC badges sold out. So you members who have never bought a TEC badge at the price of \$2.30 for each badge, why not help TEC out by buying some.

The last two or three years we only had 200 or less made, as not all members seem to be interested in getting one. Those that don't get one are really missing the boat, as this is really a nice set of rolled quarters, at a reasonable price.

You can also make a very nice elongated exhibit with these badges and have a history of "The Elongated Collectors", from the time they started up to the present year. So do your part for TEC, buy the TEC badges if you haven't done so as yet. Just write to your secretary and I'll be glad to help you out.

MIAMI

Convention Badges

\$2.30 EACH

The badges from the Miami Convention are now available from the secretary. As usual these are all rolled on quarters. As on other occasions Bob Luchtman has given of his time and talent to TEC. This year's badge was again engraved, rolled and ring holes drilled by Bob and the only cost to TEC was for the quarters. We wish to again thank Bob. The ribbons were bought this year by TEC and Sally Kirka assembled the convention badges.

Badges are also available from all past years except 1967 and 1972 and may be ordered from the secretary for \$2.30 each. Write to Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040

Don't forget to keep those articles coming in. The deadline for ads is Feb. 12th and for articles its Feb. 14th. Please try to send them in early.

REVERSES OR JUST PLAIN BACKS?

O. Wilson Morgan TEC #183
Hernando, Fla.

Several years ago an engineer from a photo-lab, another from the chemistry-lab and I set up a small test of the reverses of elongates. At first this was done merely to be, or appear to be busy during a period of no contract of work from the government. So pronounced were our findings, that at one time I identified ten rollers by the reverses of their elongates, without a miss. So close were some to another, that if each were examined alone, instead of in a row, where one against another would pinpoint their differences, I'm this score would have been impossible.

By the use of high-power magnification and telescopic photo research, we found that though most rolls were of steel, some were made of cast-iron, in fact, one roll had been made of brass. Most reverse rolls were lathe turned, although markings on one elongated coin showed the roll used to have been rotary-milled. Grinding of the reverse roll produced a beautiful finish, but the "bite" was much deeper to counter-act the slippage.

We found thru chem-lab analysis of scrapings, from the reverse side of elongates, particles of brass, cast-iron, and other material, which I will disclose later. The life-expectancy of such materials would leave much to be desired due to the pressure needed to roll an elongated coin.

Now, for a small side view literally. One elongated coin showed a definite "lip" or "bite" such as we find on the ends of elongated coins and caused by the initial gripping of the coin by the die, on the side of the elongate. Thru high-power magnification again, we found flow-marks, indicating the roller had had a faulty roll and tried to patch it. The patcher had to be an amateur in welding techniques, as there was no crowning, or dressing of the surplus, but merely a fill of what seemed to be a gouge by an end-mill or tool point. A low temperature rod would have given a much harder weld, and the low temperature wouldn't have hurt the surrounding area of the roll.

Now as to the "creativity" of rollers. One elongate reverse showed a distinct minute check-graining. After several hours of X-ray photographing of magnifications of the surface, we decided some roller had run his coin thru his rolls, over a piece of silk and the threads had made the imprinting.

Another elongated coin proved to have been run thru, over a sheet of carbon paper.

This to me would show the desire of a roller to create something new and different, something unusual. If any roller had experimented along these lines, I'm sure an article on such would be most interesting.

GENA Issue



In commemoration of the 12th anniversary of the Great Eastern Numismatic Association, an elongated cent was rolled and sold during the convention. Specimens are still available at 50 cents each, plus a SASE, sent to the Northern Valley Coin Club, c/o Robert Dadson, Box 141, Demarest, N.J. 07627

ST. THERESE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Since writing the article about St. Therese in the last issue of TEC NEWS, I have received many letters asking questions about her. Many thanks to those who have written me telling me how much they liked the article. I wrote as much about her life as I knew at that time. Since then I have received a very nice book of St. Therese's life story and that of her family. I have heard that St. Therese herself has written a book and it is sold in many countries. In this book it shows pictures of St. Therese as she looked before she became a nun. So the die I have made of her is a good likeness of her.

As for a picture of St. Therese, I received the most wonderful surprise in the mail this past September. I was sitting in my chair, thinking up new ideas for elongated coins. Sometimes I get ideas from a members letter, or else I see something I like. Maybe this was meant to be, as in a few minutes I had another good idea for another elongated coin.

Just then the mailman rang the door-bell and Al went to the door to answer it. To my surprise there was a very large package about 30" long and 24" wide. It was a flat package and I couldn't figure out what in the world it was. By then both Al and I were anxious to open the package, and there inside was a big beautiful 14" x 19" picture of St. Therese. For the first time in my life, I was lost for words. There she was, my Patron Saint, St. Therese in her nuns habit holding the Cross with all the roses in her arms and all this in color too. Its the most beautiful picture I've ever seen of her. The picture is a good front view of St. Therese and you can bet, I'll have this view of her put on a die too.

I still can't believe anyone would part with a picture like that, especially when I was told how many years my friend had it. I sure was glad the postman didn't fold the package as he got to my door as he usually does. This time it seems all the mailmen on the way seemed to be very careful of this package, as I received this picture without a scratch on it. Anyhow I am very grateful for receiving this picture.

With the holidays here now, it will be a little hard to have the die made now, but maybe by the time we go to the convention in California, I'll have the die made and the coins rolled.

I would like to thank my friend Gerry Braitwaite for the beautiful picture and Jack Wilcox for the book on the life story of my Patron Saint, St. Therese of the Little Flower. God Bless you both.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 1975

by Harold Anderson TEC #483
Caro, Michigan

Looking ahead for 1975, we all hope this year will bring happiness to all our Elongated Coin Collectors. We will go to coin shows and conventions, and a few coin shops. Maybe along the way there will be the coin many of you have been looking for. I am sure everybody that was at the 1974 convention received or found one or two coins he or she was looking for. (If the price was right.)

In the last issue of TEC NEWS, our TEC President Sally Kirka, gave a wonderful report from day to day of the ANA Convention and Alice and I enjoyed the article very much. I'm sure the saddest day of all was Sunday, to see all the TEC members leave for home. Even Alice and I felt sad as one after another left for home. Now we will have to wait almost seven months before we see some of our friends again.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 1975

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I enjoyed seeing the elongated coin exhibits at the convention and hope to see more of them in California. We now have all winter to be thinking of an exhibit for the big convention.

As we look ahead we have all the winter months ahead of us, but we always get through it alright. If the snow weather keeps us home we can start saving for the convention in California. The weather was bad enough in Florida, maybe California maybe worse. Any how we will find out for ourselves.

I would like to thank all the rollers that gave out elongated coins at the convention in Florida. I hope some day to have some elongated coins rolled out, so I too can pass them around, among my TEC friends.

I am writing this September 23, 1974 and tomorrow Alice and I will be married 34 years and we hope to put a lot more years on top of those years. Its a nice day today, but in a month or so we will have SNOW, or something like that, but we were here first, so let it come. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Alice and I. Hope to see you all in 1975.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Sharon Finch TEC #657
Visalia, Calif.

Thank you for your nice letter and the TEC membership form for me to join TEC. My husband Don has joined many interesting clubs and organizations, but seldom do I ever join him. My interest in elongated coins, began ten years ago at a coin show in southern California. It has remained an unexplored interest for me until last year at our annual coin show. At our club coin show this past year I displayed a sample of our (Don and mine) elongated coin collection. We didn't receive any award at our coin show, but the people attending the show had a tremendous response to our elongated coin exhibit. Many people inquired about it and seemed very interested in the elongated coins. This made me feel very good and we're pleased that we had exhibited our elongated coins. If only the value of the elongated coins was \$3,500.00 as the dumb winning medals were. The prize was according to its money value, ha!

Well anyhow, I'm glad the show is over with. Don and I will work harder on our next exhibit and will try again. Who can tell we may win the second time around. In the meantime I'm glad to be a member of The Elongated Collectors.

A VERY GOOD IDEA, LLOYD

by Sally Kirka TEC #16

I don't know what you folks really do with your old issues of TEC NEWS. Some members throw them away, while others have other ideas of what to do with them. I've seen a few members bring the TEC NEWS to coin shows or to their coin club meetings, to let people see and read them. Many times we had some very good articles and these could be kept as good reference for use at a later date.

One such man, our own loveable Lloyd E. Wagaman had just such an idea in mind. He has kept all his back TEC NEWS issues since TEC was organized and has had all the back TEC NEWS issues, bookbound with a hard cover at a publishers. Lloyd brought it to the ANA convention in Florida and showed it around. Everyone was surprised at the beautiful job that was done. Those of us who have seen the book were very well pleased with it and wondered why we hadn't thought of that before. We should have one made for the TEC archives. I'm one of the lucky ones too, who has saved all my TEC NEWS and will do this for myself, just as Lloyd has done.

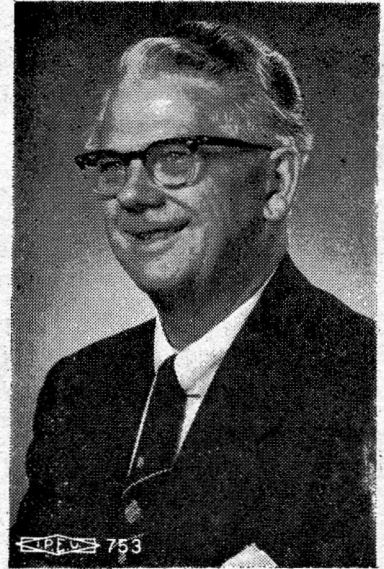
THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

by Joe Rakaskas TEC #64
Paterson, N.J.

The hobby of many people young and old
Had its beginning because some were bolder
Envisioning a group that required a format of what they acquired

Ingenuity was the start
Labor also had its part
Orderly patience was required
Novel etching would be desired
Graphic gouges were made to show
An abiding beauty coming to glow
Trial rollings would reveal
Elongated coins with new appeal
Destined for a collector with zest and zeal

Collectors differ as to their likes
Only they will choose their types
Lacking variety they eventually try
Elated with their new find
Can be an experience, one of a kind
The happiness and joy of their treasures
Often leads others to share their pleasures
Remember your society and its creed
So lend a hand to help it, when in need.



IT WAS A PLEASURE TO JOIN

by George W. Ritchie TEC #653
Fredericksburg, Va.

Well, I must say that what-ever I expected when I joined TEC, I was unprepared to the shock or surprise when I received my membership card and first newsletter.

Never before have I ever received a personal letter from the secretary of a nation-wide (or larger) club, welcoming me as a new member. As someone who has gotten tired of form letters, this was very refreshing.

I'm a brand new "babe in the woods" as an elongated collector, although I have been collecting for many years.

Earlier this spring, while hunting for some commemorative U.S. half dollars in a coin shop, owned by Joe Gallo near Washington D.C. I was jokingly asked by a salesman if I wanted a commemorative U.S. cent. He handed me one of the "U.S.S. Chicago", "25th anniversary of the sinking of the ship by the Japanese", 1943-1968. The price was right, so I bought it.

Several weeks later and several elongated coins later, I found an ad in Coin World in which Eric Goodwin offered a free elongated coin. By now I was hooked on collecting elongated coins. I ordered Mr. Goodwin's coin, then Mr. Wagaman's catalog and because of Mr. Goodwin's letter, I joined TEC.

It was gratifying to discover that my first elongated coin was made by Mr. Wagaman, from whom I received my first catalog.

Also being new to this area of coin collecting you learn something new every day. I'd never heard of a two color, photo elongated coin, until I received one free with my TEC newsletter. Many thanks to you all from a very happy new elongated coin collector.

UNLISTED DIRECTORY - PART XI

by Bob Callander TEC #307
Nappanee, Indiana

- SOCm.o 6a. /F.&A.M./ Emblem of the Blue Lodge with open eye below. Rolled border.
- COLxxx 2. /THE/ ROYAL GORGE/ COLO. Below is view of suspended bridge over the gorge. Design is crudely done and is similar to COLxxx #1, except it is vertical on coin. Dotted border.
- CALs,f 10a. Large building in center. Design appears to be exactly like #10, except that there is no wording below. Dotted border.
- CALsac 3. /STATE FAIR/ Below is capitol building and below which is /CAPITOL/1932/ * /SACREMENTO/. Plain Border.
- TEXdal 2. Steer's head in center with long horns going to right and to left. Above head is /STATE FAIR/ and / * /. Below head to left is /19/ and /32/ to right. Below is /DALLAS TEXAS/. Plain Border.
- TEX-TCE 3a. /TEXAS CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION/. Building in center with /TEXAS/ STATE BLDG./ below. The dates /1836 - 1936/ appear inside border at bottom. Rope border.
- TEX-TCE 8. Vertical on coin. Texas star in center with ribbon draped over arms of star. /TEXAS/ written on ribbon. /SOUVENIR OF/ at top and /CENTENNIAL/ CELEBRATION/ below star at bottom. Dotted border.
- TEX.a. 1. /CATTLEMANS CONVENTION/. Head of steer in center, facing to right. /MAR/ to left and /1915/ to right. Below, /SAN ANTONIO TEX/. Rolled border.
- S.C.-C.E. 3. /CHARLESTON EXPOSITION/. Building. /PALACE OF COMMERCE/. Dentical border.
- CANADA 10. Around edge, starting lower left, / * HAMILTON* LUCKY 1909 EXPOSITION/. Horseshoe in center, points down. Maple leaf in center of horseshoe itself. /HAMILTON MEANS HUSTLE/. Below horseshoe is /CENT/. Dotted border.

If you have an elongated coin and can't find a listing on it send a foil or rubbing to Bob at the following address: - - - - -
Bob Callander, P.O. Box 71, Nappanee, Indiana 46550

NEW ISSUES

- REL.#4 23rd Psalm Mintage 175 Die destroyed
Rolled on British Half Pennies - \$1.00
- MISC.#15 SMILE Mintage 168 Die is destroyed
Rolled on cents - - - - - .75¢
- IND.#29 BUZZY Mintage 350 Die is destroyed
Rolled on cents - - - - - .75¢
- IND.#30 TEXAL & VIRGINIA LATHAM (25th Anniv.)
Mintage 265 Die is destroyed
Rolled on cents - - - - - .75¢

Write to:-

LLOYD E. WAGAMAN

— ELONGATED COINS —

ROUTE # 1 — BOX 195-D
CAMBY, INDIANA 46113

MRS. PEARL CRABB SETS A RECORD

by William Henderson TEC #370
Colorado Springs, Col.

Mrs. Pearl M. Crabb, TEC #297, at the September meeting of the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society presented a display entitled, "83rd ANA Convention Elongates". She displayed many interesting items and related the story of them - the 1974 TEC convention badge; three elongates produced by Dottie Dow -her electioneering elongate, the TAMS banquet and her 1974 handshake elongate; Sally and Al Kirka's elongate; along with others which were presented to those attending the annual TEC meeting. In addition to the above, she also displayed a Store Card Mirrow produced by Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman. Among her prized items was a "get well" card received by her, and mailed from the ANA Convention, bearing the signatures of all the officers and members of TEC attending the annual meeting.

It should be noted that last January, Pearl Crabb stated she had made a New Years Resolution to present an Exhibit Talk each month during 1974. She was well upon her way when she became the victim of misfortune, resulting in hospital confinement, major surgery and a convalescent period - - but, even so, she still has an enviable record. Out of the first ten months of the year, she has presented eight exhibit talks, and all of them were on ELONGATES!

VERY RARE - RARE - SCARCE?

by Burton Neal Levy TEC #499
Chicago, Illinois

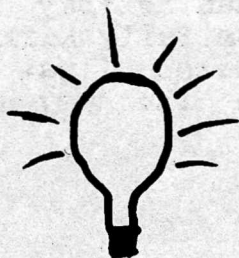
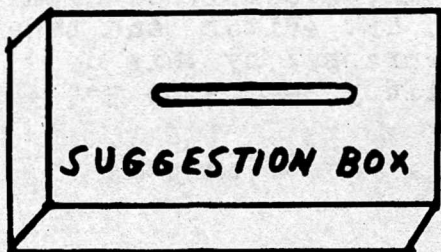
How very rare is VERY RARE? How rare is RARE? How scarce is SCARCE? How can we define these terms when dealing with elongated coins? (I leave these questions open, lets hear what YOUR definitions are.)

These terms, I have found, mostly appear on auction bid lists. I would think and probably a good majority of collectors that in most cases the auctioneer abuses these terms. What ever the reason being, he is not that knowledgeable or he uses these terms to cause the bidder to inflate his bid is something only the auctioneer can answer.

Just to give you a few examples of what I am speaking of. One listing I found as scarce was ILL-CPIE #22 Republic of China. This happens to be one of the most common CPIE'S which has a retail value of \$3.50 to \$5.00 tops. The dealer suggested an auction guide value of \$10.00. Ridiculous!

In another auction ILL-CPIE #38 was listed as scarce which it is and it should bring between \$50.00 to \$100.00 this time. In the same auction ILL-CPIE #40 was also listed as scarce, but this coin retails for \$5.50 to \$7.50. Does the latter deserve the same classification as the former?

In conclusion I would suggest not even paying attention to the terminologies used until we the collectors can determine in our own ways if a particular elongated should fall into whichever category we choose to place it in.



Still have that bright idea in your mind? Don't keep it to yourself, share it with us. We have adopted a few suggestions sent in by members and they are a benefit to all TEC members. Send suggestions to President or Editor. Addresses on page 3.

NEVER GIVE UP

by Maurice Wynne TEC #505
Acushnet, Mass.

Sure, I collect coins, medals, PNCs and all those things. But when the day is done and I want some real relaxation and enjoyment, out come the elongateds. Some day "I'm going to organize them properly". I owe no catalogs and have perhaps one of the smallest collections. Less than 150 actually. How much are they worth? I really don't care. I do know that each and every one carries a message of importance. I also know that I will probably never own a Worlds Fair elongated. Oh sure, those who give advice tell you to shop the flea markets and yard sales. Well in our part of New England thats not an easy task. Within a mile of our home on any clear Sunday I can find at least a dozen yard sales. That adds up to a lot of stop and go driving. And if my wife Mary is along that adds up to an expensive Sunday. But Saturday is our day. Thats the day I read TEC NEWS in the car while Mary is in the supermarket shopping.

Now last Saturday was a little bit different. Our usual grocery was closed because of a strike. This forced us over to the next town to do the shopping. "Hey, there's a yard sale. Lets stop" says wife Mary. Sure I stopped, why not, its Saturday and nothing else to do. But wait. What's that I see in the button box? Its a very old piece of cardboard about two and a half inches square. In the middle was a beautiful elongated penny. Wow, is this it? Have I my find? I must not act excited. I must act like I really don't know what it is. So I casually pick it up. The card reads across the top; "Souvenir of the World's Fair on a U.S. Penny". Across the bottom it says: "14Kt Gold Plated non-tarnisable". I must have it, I say to myself calmly. So, I slowly returned it to the button box saying something silly like "How much do you want for this thing?" Then I say "No, thats too much. I don't want it that badly." "You say you'll take off 50¢?" "Welllllll, Thats still a little high, but I'll take it anyway." So when the old timers and the pros tell you to shop the flea markets and the yard sales, DO IT. You too can own a Worlds Fair elongated penny. Where is mine now? Why, its in my bedroom dresser where it will stay fully visable. It will be a long time before it will join the collection. Perhaps never.

TEC AND I

by Verlee Waterman TEC #525
Colorado Springs, Colo.

It has been three years since I started collecting elongated coins and it has been three years since I've been a member of TEC.

My interest in elongated coins began, when by chance I came across two "oldies", an Ironsides and Cal. A.E. I wasn't super keen about them, but I was curious and I did want to learn more about these little gems. About that time, by chance too, I met Pearl Crabb and happened to mention my interest in elongated coins. She told me about TEC and sent my name in for an application for membership.

No sooner did I join, at Christmas time, when I received from the then TEC Secretary, Alberta Wagaman, a note of welcome, TEC membership card and coin. Mrs. Wagaman also sent me a beautiful Wagaman Christmas card featuring the Wagaman holiday coin. A couple of days later I received a nice letter from Sally Kirka, TEC editor and the Kirka Christmas coin. What a welcome. I was impressed by this dedicated crew who took time out from the busy holiday season to greet a new member.

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TEC AND I

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It wasn't long after joining when I received my first copy of the TEC NEWS, which included a free elongated coin. My collection now numbered five, but best of all the TEC NEWS was full of interesting and informative articles. For me it was the key which opened the door to this hobby of elongated coin collecting.

TEC has continued to be a source of information and entertainment, a source of contact with other collectors who are all as nice and helpful as the officers. It provides the stimulation needed to become an interested collector. All of the free coins are much appreciated-prized additions to my collection.

So after three years, many thanks to all who have made TEC what it is.

FOR WHAT ITS WORTH

by O. Wilson Morgan TEC #183
Hernando, Fla.

As everyone has heard, in the near future, the copper penny may well go down the same path as the silver coins. Several alloys have been tested for not only wear - ability, but for ease of manufacturing of coins, and cost of said alloys. Tests have proven the feasibility in the use of aluminium.

Several years back, a dark red anodising was required on a small aluminium gear case in a dept. over which I was foreman. The oil, grease, graphite, or composition used on the rolls by the aluminium companies gave to their individual stock a surfacing that responded differently, to the same tests. Only after many phone calls to the aluminium companies, tests thru the lab, hours of tumbling in washes of many kinds, were we able to achieve any degree of success. We covered the range of aluminums from brittle hard to finger soft. From lower than the T24's to higher than the T66's. We found one company out of seven with a material we could anodize as we desired but only after strict washing, tumbling and timing.

Every roller has an oil, a grease, vaseline, graphite, or composition he prefers to use on his dies. It may even be a preservative or rust-proofing, but each in its own way, transfers to the elongate. A minute degree of discoloration of case hardening, or deterioration of surface much of which can be controlled by the roller himself in the use of the proper cleanser, liquid or powder for the substance used on his dies.

All this brings up questions we may have to face in the future.

- (1) What happens to the bonding of colors to an elongate, if the roller neglects the proper wash?
- (2) Has any "Painter" of elongated coins kept any data records?
- (3) Has any "Painter" had any problems with peeling, bleeding or chipping with his elongated coins?
- (4) Does the new coins with their layers of different metals create any problems to the "Painters"?

As we may soon have an alloy to replace our copper, I offer this article to everyone, for what its worth.

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Feb. 12th

Articles - Feb. 14th

NOTES OF INTEREST

Jim Betton of Santa Monica, California, said he would look into things and see if there were other restaurants or markets near the convention hotel in Los Angeles. Many of the members who are going to the convention, save their money all year long for this trip. Not all can afford to eat at the hotel all the time. A market nearby helps, as many members buy fruits, cookies and soda cheaper than in the hotel. Most members like to have a snack in their rooms late at night. So get all the information you can Jim.

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Fredric Mantei, Jr. won 1st place in the miscellaneous class at the big G.E.N.A. convention in New York City on Sept. 18-22. This is the same exhibit that won the TEC award for the best elongated exhibit at the ANA Convention in Florida. It did not get a prize by ANA judging and yet it won a prize at the New York show. Good luck to you Fred and may you win many more.

Fred also exhibited and gave a talk at the Northern Valley Coin Club in Demerest, New Jersey. The club invited a Boy Scout group to listen to the talk about elongated coins.

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Sally and Al Kirka gave a talk and showed all their elongated coins they received at the ANA convention in Florida before a number of clubs that they are members of. Sally proudly showed off her P.N. Covers, some of which only two or three covers were made. With the response we got after seeing the P.N.Covers, Sally is already working on some new ideas for next year. Sally can be sneaky about this and she likes to surprise me with the things she makes. Right now she has some good ideas for the bi-centennial in 1976. The clubs that Sally and I showed our coins from the ANA convention were shown at the Hartford Numismatic Society, the Central Connecticut Coin Club, the Quinebaugh Valley Coin Club, the Tri-State Coin Club, the Mansfield Numismatic Society and the Rhode Island Stamp and Coin club of Foster, Rhode Island.

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Glen Tye, a new member seems very pleased that he joined TEC and its nice to hear those kind words of how he enjoyed his TEC NEWS. Thank you Glen and happy elongated collecting to you.

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Herman Krajewski also gave a talk about his elongated coins at the Hartford Numismatic Society and the Central Connecticut Coin Club of Manchester, Connecticut.

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Joe Rakaskas would like to thank each and everyone who has sent him cards and letters. It was gratefully appreciated by him. Mr. Rakaskas was a pretty sick man and was down in the dumps and a little discouraged at first, when he was told it may take a year before he would get better. Then he said, with the help and encouragement of his wonderful wife and the many TEC members writing to him, he decided to thank God and count his blessings. Good for you Joe, as we are in there praying for you too. So get well quick and may God Bless you from all of us.

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Jack Wilcox from North Brunswick, N.J., took a second place with his display of elongated coins and said his painted Uncle Sam elongated coin was an eye catcher. Most stopped to look at it. Keep up the good work Jack and we hope you win many more times.

NOTES OF INTEREST

At one of my coin clubs one man has been knocking my elongated coins for a long time now. It doesn't bother me much as I still enjoy collecting elongated coins just the same. At our last meeting Herman Krajewski, another TEC member brought in the November issue of the ANA Numismatist and gave a talk about the elongated coin article it had in it. He also mentioned how we have a place in the numismatic field in the ANA. Good for you Herman, lets get after those that still think elongated coins are still junk.

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Would you believe it, but one of our members George Hatie, TEC #401, is running for President of the ANA this year. Its nice to see so many of our TEC members holding office in some of the big clubs. Our Dottie Dow made it in TAMS as President and four other TEC members hold office in TAMS also. Good luck to you George Hatie and we will help you all we can.

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Eric Von Greenwood recently gave a talk about elongated coins to his Scout troop. He said that so far none of the Scouts had ever heard of elongated coins, so he thought this would be a good subject to talk about. Eric also said, he still has his mounted elongated coins and a large membership card that he made and he will show this at his Scout meeting also. Keep up the good work Eric and be proud of your elongated coins.

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Burton Neal Levy also recently exhibited his elongated coins and gave a fifteen minute talk about them. It was given at the Queens County Coin Club and shown on Ladies Night at the club.

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Don Wendt, TEC #643, has a rolling machine and has put out a few nice coins. He sent me a few samples and I liked what he gave me. I am sure Don said he will have more to tell me for the next TEC NEWS issue. Anyhow good luck with your new hobby and have as much fun as I do rolling coins.

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Don't forget, anyone having one of Lee Martins books "Today's Elongateds" for sale, as there are a few new members that would like to buy the book. So lets help each other out.

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Happy Birthday greetings are in order to Ruby Threlkeld, Alice Penzes, Marie Trinny, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Alice and Harold Anderson, and Richard Grabowski. Also a Happy Anniversary to Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman, Hugh and Ruby Threlkeld and also to Marie Trinny and her husband. I only put in the names of those who I know when their birthdays or anniversaries are. So those that have a birthday or an anniversary coming up soon, let me know when it is. So Happy Birthday to anyone else that is having a birthday in January, February, or March.

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Received a nice map of Los Angeles and surrounding towns and where we can go on side trips. It seems good to look at the map and point out "Oh, thats where so and so lives." Thank you Eddie Cutler. Don't be surprised if we drop in to visit you and take you out to one of those fish dinners you are always talking about.

TEC PROMOTIONAL AWARDS FOR 1974



The following named members have been sent the TEC Promotional Award Coin for 1974. Those receiving awards numbered #98 and below have been listed in past TEC NEWS.

Awards #99 thru #112 and also award #133 were presented to the following for events other than TEC NEWS articles.

#99 - Gus Meccarello - - - -	TEC #40 - - - - -	published article (Canadian Hobby Shopper)
100 - Burton Neal Levy - - -	TEC #499 - - - - -	Display
101 - Burton Neal Levy - - -	TEC #499 - - - - -	Display
102 - Burton Neal Levy - - -	TEC #499 - - - - -	Display
103 - Abe Geftter - - - -	TEC #121 - - - - -	Display
104 - Walter Hoffman Jr. - -	TEC #48 - - - - -	Speaking
105 - Walter Hoffman Jr. - -	TEC #48 - - - - -	Display
106 - Walter Hoffman Jr. - -	TEC #48 - - - - -	Display
107 - David Singer - - - -	TEC #423 - - - - -	Speaking
108 - David Singer - - - -	TEC #423 - - - - -	Speaking
109 - Jerry Bates - - - -	TEC #555 - - - - -	Display
110 - Jerry Bates - - - -	TEC #555 - - - - -	Speaking
111 - David Singer - - - -	TEC #423 - - - - -	published article
112 - Burton Neal Levy - - -	TEC #499 - - - - -	Display
133 - Burton Neal Levy - - -	TEC #499 - - - - -	display and slide program

The following Promotional Awards #113 thru #132 are for articles published in Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1974 TEC NEWS.

113 - From the Presidents Desk - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
114 - The Awards of Merit - - - - -	Lloyd E. Wagaman #33
115 - How I became #452 in TEC - - - - -	George E. Kesterson #452
116 - A.N.A. Convention in Bal Harbour - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
117 - My Friend, Grace Morrison - - - - -	Ruby Threlkeld #202
118 - My First Elongated Coin - - - - -	Marie Felker #175
119 - My First Experience of Rolling at a Coin Show - - - - -	Chester Rogers #515
120 - My New Hobby - - - - -	Doug Sullivan #637
121 - TEC Award Plaques - - - - -	Lloyd E. Wagaman #33
122 - What is that Coin Worth? - - - - -	Burton Neal Levy #499
123 - Where are the Expo 74 Elongateds? - - - - -	Verlee Waterman #525
124 - Long Cent Navy - - - - -	Jack Wilcox #332
125 - A First in Elongates - - - - -	Gus Meccarello #40
126 - The Children of the Center Road School - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
127 - Great Interest in Elongates Shown by Coin Club - - - - -	David Singer #423
128 - Commentarium - Attending a Convention - - - - -	Ruby Threlkeld #202
129 - St. Therese, My Patron Saint - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
130 - Exhibiting can be fun - - - - -	Burton Neal Levy #499
131 - A very Pleasant Surprise - - - - -	Robert Dadson #550
132 - Covering the end of the year - - - - -	Harold Anderson #483

There will possibly be a few more of the 1974 coins issued for events other than TEC NEWS articles. Beginning with this, the first issue of 1975 there will be a big change in the die for the award coin with the date being re-engraved to 1975 along with other major changes.

Lloyd E. Wagaman, Award Chairman

MAIL BID SALE

CLOSING DATE - FEBRUARY 8, 1975

Rules are simple. Just bid as if you own them. Figure an extra few cents, in your bid, for postage. Successful bids will be sent by insured airmail. If you are not familiar with Dow numbers and need any information, please let me know. I reserve the right to refuse any unrealistic bids. Please observe the minimum bids, M.B.

C. E. Ziegler, Jr., 2705 Grace Rd., Port Huron, Michigan 48060

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| 1. CAL-PPIE 2 - 1903 1¢ | 17. ILL-CPIE 68a - 1912 1¢ |
| 2. CAL-GGIE 7 - 1927 1¢ | 18. ILL-CPIE 70 |
| 3. CAL-GGIE 11a | 19. ILL-CPIE 94 - 1928 1¢. No "I" in fair |
| 4. CAL-OB 2 | 20. MO-SLWF 9a - 1904 1¢ |
| 5. ILL-WCE 1 - 1891 5¢ | 21. N.Y-PAE 5 |
| 6. ILL-WCE 1 - 1892 10¢ | 22. N.Y-PAE 13a |
| 7. ILL -WCE 2 - 1889 1¢ | 23. CANADA 2 - Large cent. <u>Rare \$20.00 M.B.</u> |
| 8. ILL-WCE 2a - 1890 1¢ | 24. FDR 5 <u>Scarce \$15.00 M.B.</u> |
| 9. ILL-WCE 2a - 1891 10¢ | 25. SOCKOTM 1 - 1904 1¢ <u>Scarce \$20.00 M.B.</u> |
| 10. ILL-WCE 3 - 1887 | 26. ST.FL 4 - 1911 10¢. <u>Rare on dime \$10.M.B.</u> |
| 11. ILL-WCE 4 - 1887 1¢ | 27. <u>UNLISTED</u> Lem Martin Storecard. \$5.00 |
| 12. ILL-WCE 4 - 1888 1¢ | token. "In appreciation of your continued patronage, etc". On 1965 Canadian |
| 13. ILL-CPIE 30 - 1928 1¢ | 25¢. Numbered on obv. This is # 17. |
| 14. ILL-CPIE 31 - 1926 1¢ | <u>RARE. Not many around. \$25.00 M.B.</u> |
| 15. ILL-CPIE 40a | 28. 19 Space pieces. Several on 10¢. <u>\$10.00 M.B.</u> |
| 16. ILL-CPIE 42 - 1934 1¢ | 29. The Lord's Prayer on 1¢ thru 50¢ in album as sold by Treasure Album. <u>\$10.00 M.B.</u> |

END OF SALE

(Paid ad)

MY FIRST "ELONGATED"

by Max M. Schwartz TEC #649
Miami, Fla.

I am a very recent member of TEC, as you can see by my number. So while this short story may be very familiar to old time collectors of elongated coins, it might bear repetition for the benefit of other novices in this extremely interesting branch of exnumia.

The origin of the piece was brought back to my mind at the recent A.N.A. Convention in Bal Harbour when a friend of many years asked whether I had any elongated coins with the Lord's Prayer on them. When I dug up the only variety I had with that legend on it and it surprisingly turned out to be new to the collector, I recalled the circumstances under which it had been acquired.

About 50 or so years ago, a huckster on the sidewalk of 42nd Street, New York was offering to roll out an elongated cent for 11¢. I gave him a dime and a cent, as he had requested, and he supposedly put the cent in his roller and gave me the result as it emerged. When I examined the piece I noted that it did not have the Lincoln effigy on the reverse. In reply to my inquiry why the reverse was blank, he gave me the seemingly plausible story that it was unlawful to deface a U.S. coin and that he therefore used a bronze planchet so that he would not be subject to arrest.

Now I know the true answer. Bronze planchets were then worth less than a cent. This will explain why I advisedly used the title "My First Elongated" rather than "Elongated Coin" as is the usual designation. P.S. I don't have the piece any longer.

WHY ELONGATED?

by William R. Buerger TEC #660
Kettering, Ohio

The question, I'm sure, has popped into almost everyone's mind when they find you collect the unusual. Even the elongated collector must, at one time or another have asked himself this question.

My answer is very simple and plain right to the point. I found myself becoming bored with collecting almost everything else. Besides, to purchase almost anything nice today cost an arm and a leg and on top of it all I dislike keeping my prize collections in safe deposit boxes, but I find I have too like everyone else.

One night at our monthly coin club meeting I asked myself, while one of our more experienced long time collector, was giving a talk on one of his collections, what can I collect that is different, informative, attractive to others and can be obtained at a fair cost in relation to what most people can afford to spend out of their pocket after payday? How can I contribute to numismatics, which has given me so much and at the same time stimulate my interest further. In short, I was looking for a challenge. "I had no answer,"

About a month later I visited Hank Spangenberg's Coin Shop outside Dayton, Ohio. I had casually mentioned to Hank that I would like to see the Gold Elongated piece he had advertised in the Numismatist. It was a 2½ dollar gold Indian which had been made elongated at the 1940 World's Fair. I knew the second I saw it I had the answer to my question. I was fascinated by it. Hank had only to mention that it was the only gold elongated piece like it he had ever seen in his long tenure before I found myself its next owner.

My next question was "How do I learn more about elongated coins?" I found this very difficult. Who carries elongated coins in stock? Who collects or knows about them? I found little response to my question yet the fact I have a very unusual piece in my possession kept me moving on. I knew that at the August A.N.A. in Miami I would be sure to see some pieces and I was right. Although I got to the convention late I was in time to witness some very nice elongated displays. My first order of business at the convention was to make the Cincinnati presentation for the 1979 A.N.A. Convention then I could take in the fun and enjoyment that was found everywhere.

After viewing the many elongated pieces and their vast differences I confirmed my original decision. This was for me and as many as I can reach, once I become better versed in this specialized field.

After I arrived home from the convention I began paging through the literature I had acquired when I found that an organization called The Elongated Collectors had met in Miami and it was open for membership. I joined and plan to come on strong to make up for the time I missed. My first contribution will be to display my elongated collection at the C.N.A. November meeting and give a talk on why I became an elongated collector.

I found my answer and I want as many as possible to grow in knowledge as I do concerning this unique and as yet relatively unknown field of numismatics.

I plan to become an expert and grow along with the elongated field and hope that others will become as excited as I am about the bright future for this very special field of collecting.

The following persons have paid their dues and request membership in T.E.C. - Welcome to all.

NEW MEMBERS

TEC #	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
657	Mrs. Sharon Finch	P.O. Box 466	Visalia, Calif.	93277
658	Anthony R. Mannella	917 Post Ave.	Rochester, N.Y.	14619
659	Theodore Steinhauer	1750 - 18 Ave.	San Francisco, Cal.	94122
660	William R. Buerger	1951 Woodbriar Dr.	Kettering, Ohio	45440
	John Izzo	411 Hackensack St.	Carlstad, N.J.	07072
	Barbara Izzo	411 Hackensack St.	Carlstad, N.J.	07072
	Kazuma Oyama	38 Lauone Loop	Wahiawa, Hawaii	96786

The last three names will get membership numbers after the 1st of the year.

REINSTATED

383	Richard E. Carpenter	3455 Mapleway Drive	Toledo, Ohio	43614
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

475	Rudolph Skaritka	Box 650	Delafield, Wis.	53018
495	Betty Kirby	Box 650	Delafield, Wis.	53018
639	Teresa Osborne	12 Waltham St.	Hammond, Ind.	46320
593	Michael R. Clarenbach	P.O. Box 722	Roseburg, Oregon	97470
611	Kurt R. Krueger	P.O. Box 7	Kimberly, Wis.	54136
417	Paul Aubry	20 - 18 Carlton Pl.	Fair Lawn, N.J.	07410

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IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

If you have moved recently, please send us your correct address. This will save us time and money and you will receive your TEC NEWS on time. Send your correct address to the Secretary, Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040

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City State Zip Code

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NOTICE!

With this issue of TEC NEWS you will find a reminder envelope for the 1975 dues of \$3.00 which are due January 1, 1975. Some have already paid their dues, so if you don't find a dues envelope with this copy of TEC NEWS your dues are paid for 1975.

If you do not receive your membership card and coin as soon as you think you should, don't become alarmed, as they will both be mailed to-gether in order to save both time and postage. They will be mailed as soon as 1975 cents are available for the rolling of the membership coin.

Please send your check for \$3.00 for dues as soon as possible after receiving your reminder envelope. The by-laws call for any member not paying dues by March 31st to be dropped from the membership rolls. Do not become delinquent. It is an inconvenience for both, the secretary and yourself.

MEETING TEC MEMBERS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Recently at our New England Numismatic Association convention, which was held in Worcester, Massachusetts, I was surprised to see so many of our TEC members attending the convention. It would have been nice if we all had a TEC get-together. When you meet fifteen or more members at any coin show, it is a good showing. Also we got two new members who asked to join TEC. This is a good sign that elongated coins are getting to be better known. I exhibit my elongated coins everywhere, even if I do not win, just so people will see and hear of elongated coins. I want people to enjoy this hobby just as I have through-out the years. I'll talk about elongated coins to who ever will listen. Its a good hobby for young and old.

I belong to the Central Connecticut Coin Club, The Hartford Numismatic Society, Tri-State Coin Club, Mansfield Numismatic Society, Uncas Coin Club, Quinebaug Valley Coin Club, Foster Rhode Island Coin Club and the Putnam Coin Club of Carmel, New York. I just want to tell you that at all these clubs that I belong to, there are a few TEC members in each of the clubs. It kind of makes me feel good to see a few TEC members where ever Al and I go. Believe me, we enjoy meeting and talking with TEC members and I can say I see about ten members every month.

NOTICE - NOTICE

I must ask the members again to make sure to send in their correct address, as soon as they move. Third class mail is not forwarded and we do not get the TEC NEWS, or the free elongated coin back. This may mean you will lose out on a good coin too. We only receive the amount of coins that we have members at the time TEC News is sent out. As these coins are donations, we are glad to receive the amount for free, from a TEC member. We can't say, send us extras too, as so and so, won't send in his correct address and we have to send him another coin. This also adds expense of sending out another TEC NEWS. Remember we are trying to keep TEC dues down but its not helping us when we have to send out another TEC NEWS. Also with the expense of printing TEC NEWS going up all the time, we only print a limited amount of newsletters. So when these are gone, you can also be out of luck on this. In the next issue (hopefully) the 1975 pennies will be out so we can send the members their membership card and coin at the same time. So please send in your correct address, if you have moved lately, and the sooner the better.

SORRY TO HAVE MISSED YOU

by A.A. Rosato TEC #23
New Milford, Conn.

Having made a business commitment previous to the scheduled ANA Convention, I missed any possibility of attending the TEC annual meeting, in Bal Harbour, Florida this year. After meeting so many wonderful people in elongateds last year at Boston, I surely pondered over some thoughts in perhaps that I might attend the ANA Convention in Florida. However, since a hobby cannot flourish without a means to support it, then obviously my business commitment took priority. It also happened that my vacation plan coincided with both the commitment and ANA convention period. Regretfully, I could not include a Florida visit. I do remember so vividly the great moments of pleasure in Boston and being with so many fine friends and also in reminiscing how everyone enjoyed the die and demonstration I gave following the meeting. It truly was a joy to be among my fellow hobbiests.

The year 1974 has produced very little from me in the way of elongateds. The last specimens made by me was the 1973 Christmas piece. It has not been easy to refrain from any attempts to produce new issues. My duties to my personal life and business has been foremost over all else. Then too, I did invest in nine more months since the Boston event, in continuence with the laborious and persevering work on the manuscript for the elongated book, which is additional time to the already past 40 months of indefatigable and energetic work in initiating an encyclopedic reference in all facets of modern elongateds. With this, very little has been heard from me. It was difficult at times, after receiving the TEC NEWS, not to sit and write a few constructive words or comment on the many fine articles written. I often felt that I could have answered to a point of information scant or obscure in certain areas of elongateds. My research has produced an abundance of definite data and a word could have perhaps cleared the matter. However any concern or feeling of involvement has resulted in self restraint, yielding only for the attention toward the essential work on my book. Perhaps many cannot itelligibly understand the positive side of my work project, nor my seemingly passing detachment presently in elongateds.

While many were engaged in the activities of the Florida convention, part of that same period for me was actuated in business dealings. As a jeweler, the current situation in gold, silver and diamonds has pre-occupied my position of which I had to share part of my vacation time to some of the matters at hand. One such matter had me in Boston for several days and it was on my return trip that I had to pass partially through Manchester, Connecticut. My plan was to stop and make a surprise visit with Sally and Al Kirka. First I had to take care of a few items in Hartford. Later, arriving in Manchester and after locating the streets of Maple, Spruce, Pine, Birch, Cedar, Walnut and Forest, I finally found Oak Street. I parked my car and began looking for 16 Oak Street, but no way could I find number 16. It was hot and humid that afternoon and I was a little tired. I began to feel a bit uneasy after I sought the assistance of several merchants in the area of Main Street. I was about to give up my surprise idea when an attractive and nice woman in a liquor store, took a moment and looked up the name of Kirka in the phone book. I felt stupid after she found the street number to be 116. After all this and to my great disappointment, the Kirkas were not at home!

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SORRY TO HAVE MISSED YOU

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Two days passed when I decided to try the Kirkas again. I loaded my car with many goodies and about 50 pounds of assorted elongateds, along with several other items of interest and a draft-format of my manuscript. I headed for Manchester in a direct attempt to once again surprise Sally and Al. I did not want to call them and risk the chance that their schedule could not fit my visit. Perhaps this was selfish and inconsiderate. Never the less, I was hopeful for a disposition of surprise. Alas the 120 miles round trip crumbled with disappointment once again. I did not give up. With determination and restoration of hope, I set out the very next morning and made the same trip. Again the Kirkas were not at home, but I decided to wait around. After a meaningless and tiresome hour, I ventured into town. I went to a motorcycle shop on Main Street and purchased a \$10.00 pair of Foster-Grant goggles, and then I returned to the Kirka home. Again there was no one home! Thus with a depressed and fallen emotional sensation, I scribbled a note and put it into the mailbox. In driving home, I finally realized that this almost 400 mile exploit began with an effort to visit two fine people who have contributed so much in elongateds. I regret that I could not personally re-enforce an impression to them, in behalf of the hobby, of gratifications, pleasures and enjoyments.

(Editor note:- you meant well Mr. Rosato, but it would have been better to have made arrangements before you made all those trips. Remember we also have to make a living and we are not always at home.)

NOTICE!

Members must take notice of the new rule that has taken effect starting with the January 1975 issue of TEC NEWS concerning ads for TEC NEWS.

If you have a camera ready ad the price of a full page ad will be the same as has been, which is \$10.00. If we have to do the set up, it will be a typewriter setup with no art work and the price will be double, which will be \$20.00. We do not have all the trimming to do a professional job on these ads. Remember we do all this work ourselves.

If you are typing the ad up yourself, make sure its done with black and I mean black ribbon. The kind that will show up when the printer takes a picture of your ad. If you type with a faded ribbon then don't expect it to come out so it can be read.

If you want to see some nice camera ready ads, take a look at some back issues of TEC NEWS and look at Lloyd Wagamans camera ready ads. He made these up himself.

There's a lot of work into making up a fancy ad and with all the work we have, we just don't have the time or equipment to do it. Many times ads sent to us are written so we can't even read them. So how can one do a good job with an ad like that. One man sent us such a faded copy we had to use a magnifying glass to make out what it said. All ads we cannot read or make out will have to be rejected.

Please read the new rule about ads on page 3, as passed by the Board of Directors at a board meeting last August.

T.E.C. - 1974 - MIAMI, FLORIDA

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

How do you say "thank you" to so many people for coins and gifts? Our TEC members are truly the greatest. They greet each other with real affection. With about 20, all talking at the same time, everyone knows its great to belong to the crowd.

The beautiful plaque was a real surprise and a well kept secret. Many thanks Sally. It has an important place in our den with our other awards. I am glad I could have been of some help to you. Making the History Book was my pleasure. My one regret was that more members did not send in more material to help fill the pages. There were others appointed Historian before me and I know they must have material that belongs in this book.

To the rollers who had shared their nice coins with us all, a special thank you goes to them all. All those who gave were listed in the October issue of TEC NEWS.

I express my thanks to Lee Martin and Bob Luchtman for the many things they did for our club, "The Elongated Collectors." To Lloyd Wagaman for the special awards and to Sally and Al Kirka for the fine news letter we receive four times a year.

It was my pleasure to meet O. Wilson Morgan. He was responsible for being chairman for special awards a couple of years ago.

The convention would not be complete without Alice and Steve Penzes, Harold and Alice Anderson, Richard Townsend, Alberta and Lloyd Wagaman, Dottie Dow, Chuck Strickland and of course Sally and Al Kirka. I also had the pleasure of meeting John Spadone this year in Florida. Hope we see more of him in the coming years.

With everyone helping, our club will continue to grow and the Good Lord willing we will all meet in Los Angeles in 1975.

BOGUS ELONGATES - A COLLECTORS NEMISIS-by D. Fairbanks, Sr. TEC #623

(I am going to roll Columbian Exposition, 1893, elongates in 1974. With a few common drug store chemicals, for aging and discoloring; some limited photographic techniques; some discreetly purchased "old" coins from various regular coin dealers, and my trusty rolling machine with dies, I'm in "business." I shall not "flood" the market, but sell only four or five pieces a week; slightly below current "trends", via a "spot - ad" in "Coin Swirl", ie: "Old hoard of elongates discovered in attic." I can well imagine I would get "nibbles" from California, Indiana, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio and New York, to mention a few collector states. Perhaps I'll sneak in a couple of varieties on a three cent piece, or a twenty cent piece. Also, maybe a few variations of five or six "stars". Obviously I will not conform to the new statue which requires "Copy" to be placed on the coins. Un-like counterfeiters, who make millions of dollars in bills, I shall be content with forty or fifty dollars profit, per week.)

The above short story was concocted for one reason only! That being, to search out the answer for the predominant question being asked continually, of this collector, who cannot truthfully answer same. It is written with the sole intent of having some collector, roller, or other interested party, coming up with a bonifide concrete answer, as to why the above could'nt be done, or perhaps it is? Reply via TEC NEWS for the benefit of all concerned.

(F.B.I., B.C.I. & T-Agents take note - the above is merely a hypothetical instance, so please do not come beating on my door.)

AN ELONGATED FIRST

***** " SPIRIT OF 1776 " *****

each coin with

MULTI COLOR REVERSE

----- RED ** WHITE ** BLUE -----

This elongated coin is fitting with our upcoming 200th Bi-centennial anniversary. The reverse of each elongated is pre-coated before rolling with the patriotic colors, RED, WHITE and BLUE!

DIE CLOSED ** ONLY 100 MADE ** ONLY \$1.00 ea.

Also available with solid RED or BLUE reverses. Lincoln image shows. Only 500 made. Sold only in pairs. \$1.50 a pair, your choice of colors. Die has been closed! No singles will be sold.

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***** FOR SALE *****

7 DIFFERENT NEW 1974 BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS ELONGATEDS

Each with a rich green reverse

***** ALL 7 ISSUES \$5.00 *****

-x----- Only 300 each made. * Dies are closed -----x-

All above items will be sent post-paid. These items are very popular and limited. Order soon. A price change after FEB, 1975

ANGROS ENTERPRISES 44 BANK ST., NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT 06776

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" SMILE " Stretched Money Is Like Elongateds!

(paid ad)

"NOEL 1974 NOEL - PEG & JACK WILCOX"

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332
No. Brunswick, N.J.

Checking through last season's Christmas cards, Peg chose one she liked to use for the design in our 1974 Christmas elongate. Together we made rough sketches to work out the lettering. Seeing it was Peg's choice of the angel theme I ruled it should read Peg & Jack, in that order.

Naturally we wished to denote New Jersey and here our fun began. First we tried N.J. all along the border, then I thought N over J would take less space. The final decision was to try a star border. Rudy and Betty wrote back, the star border with two larger stars with N.J. would be best. As the N.J. border would be too hard to do. The artist drawing was sent on for our approval and we placed our order.

Meanwhile back at Cee Ceeven, Rudy and Betty were having problems relocating to a new home. So things naturally were delayed. Finally on October 28th our order arrived. The elongates are grand! It is certainly rewarding to have your own special coin.

Please remember you don't have to be artistic to design your own. We simply mailed in the Christmas card angels and our rough sketches for the wording. Anyone can experiment and come up with a workable design. Why not try it? Check the personal elongateds in your collection and practice making "your thing"!

ELONGATED COINS FOR SALE



EXPO 74 - WORLD'S FAIR ELONGATED CENT \$1.00

IN SPECIAL PRINTED HOLDER. ON A DIME \$1.25.

I ALSO HAVE A SERIES OF ELONGATEDS SHOWING ANTIQUES.

\$1.00 ea. IN SPECIAL PRINTED HOLDERS. NONE ON DIMES.

6 MADE SO FAR IN THIS SERIES

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35 Greenwich Ave.

Warwick, (Pontiac) R. I. 02886



U. S. Bicentennial

ALL PURPOSE CACHET ENVELOPES (Bond) — 2 Colors, Show Shield, Drum, Dates, Etc. 10 for \$1.00

A SALUTE TO SKYLAB: (PNC) First Day Cover with Elongated Dime — Showing Skylab Ship, Dates, Etc. \$2.50

TWO MORE ELONGATED COINS For My Antique Series — #5 High Wheel Bicycle and #6 Old Graphophone. \$1.00 Each in Printed holder

PONTIAC PRESS, 35 GREENWICH AVE.

WARWICK, R. I. 02886

(Paid ad)

FIND ANY RESTRIKE COINS LATELY

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Have you noticed how many of the older elongated coins you can buy lately? All of a sudden you can buy just about any of the hard to get, or the earlier elongated coins. Have you taken a good look at those coins, if you haven't, look them over very carefully. I've come across a few very good restrikes of the early Columbian Expo., especially the 1893 one. If you studied the coins as I have, you can spot them right away. I do not say I'm an expert at this, but the ones I said were restrikes were just that.

About a month ago, I saw an early elongated coin at a very high price at one of the coin shows. I looked the coin over very carefully. The coin was a 1891 nickel and that was the only old thing about the coin. It was a very good restrike of an earlier elongated coin. Who is making these coins I do not know, but they are around and some are selling for a high price.

At another coin show a TEC member asked me what I thought about a certain elongated coin, it was selling at a high price. I told the member to give the man a \$1.00 for the coin and he will do O.K. because the coin is a restrike. Its funny the dealer didn't bat an eye, but sold the coin for 75¢.

I heard of a few other TEC members that have bought restrike elongated coins of other World's Fairs. Any dealer selling these restrikes, should tell you that the elongated coin is a restrike and not one rolled in earlier years. So when buying these high priced early elongated coins, make sure you are buying the genuine elongated coin.

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I ALSO NEED ANY INTERESTING EXONUMIA FROM

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Write to:- KURT KRUEGER

P.O. Box 7

Kimberly, Wis. 53136

EXHIBITING ELONGATEDS AT THE ANA

by Dottie Dow TEC #1
Phoenix, Ariz.

Having been a judge at the last three ANA Conventions, I'd like to give those of you that will be exhibiting at the next ANA a few good hints.

For the main part, we have re-educated judges so that they no longer consider elongated coins as junk. Indeed, if they could see some of the prices charged for elongated coins, they might wonder if they were solid gold.

To start with, make sure your "TITLE" is correct. If you are going to display "FIRST DAY COVERS" with elongated cents, make sure all have a first day Cover cancellation. If your title is "Elongated Cents", make sure you don't put in dimes and nickels. Make sure your title is clear and tells exactly what is in the display.

Give your exhibit some "LIFE". Good color used attractively, Creativity and Originality, they are a must.

Give as much numismatic information as possible. Quantity made, art work done by, engraved by, coin that is being displayed. Don't be afraid to say "This is a rare elongated coin and only five made", if you know this to be so. Give the judges what help you can in judging your display and you'll be rewarded for it. Judges can't know everything. If you are exhibiting a real old elongated coin and the condition is poor, but it's the best condition you have known this coin to be in, state so in your display so you won't be counted down condition wise.

If you are thinking of displaying at the ANA, now is the time to start getting your display ready, not next July.

Elongated exhibits were under "Odd & Curious" at the convention in Florida. Below are listed the Maximum Points, so you can get an idea of how your exhibit should rate.

NUMISMATIC INFORMATION: Title and introduction -5, Numismatic information -15, Special and non-numismatic information -25.

PRESENTATION: Creativity and originality -15, Tastefulness -10, Balance - Title, specimens and description -10.

COMPLETENESS: Based on availability & display space -5.

CONDITION: Rated by degree of market availability -10.

RARITY: Rated by topic requirements & market availability -5.

Maximum Points Total 100

NOTES OF INTEREST

Have you noticed lately how many coin clubs have been making P.N.Covers with elongated coins lately? If you hear of a club doing this and they would like to sell to our TEC members, please let your TEC editor know.

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Congratulations are in order to Paul Aubry on getting married this past October. Although this was a happy day for him, Paul also had a sad day too, when he lost his brother a few weeks later.

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Don't forget those TEC articles and keep them coming in. Deadline for articles is February 14th and for TEC ads February 12th.

NEW ELONGATED COLLECTOR

by Morrell Richardson TEC #645
Indianola, Miss.

Dear fellow TECers: Below is an experience of one of your Rebel brothers;

Being one of the newer Elongated Collectors does not make the matter of relating an experience that is both pertinent and interesting to the Elongated fraternity, any less difficult. However, if the reader is in a generous mood, he may condescendingly give me an A for Effort, even though I may receive an E for Accomplishment.

Having been a long time editor-owner publisher of a weekly newspaper, extending over a period of more than thirty years, this writing a letter TO the editor is an experience I have rarely indulged in, but here goes:

Several months ago, a committee of three of our finest young ladies, all in the 12 year-old group, representing the Girl Scouts, called on me to see if I would permit them to see my collection of old and rare money. Of course, loving kids as I do, nothing would please me more.

At that time I was not an Elongated Collector, and had never heard of such a thing, let alone an Elongated organization, even though having many of the stretched pennies in my books with the other currency. Now I have abandoned all else and collect Elongateds exclusively.

Having a week to prepare, my first move was to contact a local bank and get permission to use their Directors Room, with its chairs and long table after banking hours, for the display. With that accomplished, I next decided to give out "favors" as a means of making the meeting successful and long remembered. What could be more impressive, I thought, than to give each one an Elongated Cent with their Zodiac sign imprinted, along with a presidential Elongated Cent, picked at random from a group I had? To say that it went over in a big way, is the understatement of the year. There were twenty-five, including many of my favorites.

Perhaps the reader is wondering just what I was doing with so many surplus elongateds, not being a collector. Very simple: If you knew how I enjoy kids. I'm never without 8-10 old rare (cull) coins in my right pocket; this has been the case for several years. I buy them from Dean Oakes up in Iowa City. Then, about three years ago, S & S Associates, Philadelphia, advertised rolled pennies (Lord's Prayer, Statue of Liberty and two others) along with "funny pennies" (Lincoln speaks, Love, looks at Kennedy, etc.) and I bought several sets of these. It has to be something different to make a lasting impression. Then I bought several sets of Zodiacs, and several of the group sets from AMTA, when I first began collecting, hoping to get some new ones, cheap; the duplicates were put aside to give to kids.

Can't be sure, but believe my first purchase, after deciding to start an Elongated Collection, was of the Seattle Worlds Fair. My collection is growing rapidly, having just received 38 from the House of Elongateds yesterday, and expect 16 more from Chester Rogers, to add to my collection, which now consists of approximately 450 two-way stretches. This does not include about 60 in the drawer beneath my typewriter, that I retain for my pocket, to give my favorite kids I chance to see informally from time to time.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads of up to four lines will be given free to all members. These four lines to include name and address. This ad must pertain to elongated coins or related items. Also same ad can be used only once.

Wanted:- Elongateds from the Coumbian Expo., Chicago World's Fair 1933-34, and miscellaneous Chicago topics. Seeking others with same interests. Burton N. Levy, P.O. Box 59428, Chicago, Ill. 60645.

Wanted:- New members to join TEC. Dues are still only \$3.00 per calendar year. For applications and more information please write to TEC secretary, Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040.

Tr/Sell elongateds: MO-SLWF 9,21 ILL-CPIE 6,16,19,23,31,33,46,63,92, 97a, NY-PAE 6,8,9,12a,21,ILL-WCE 1, NYnf 5, Cal PPIE 4, CAL-GGE 6, NJ a.c6, PEN-SCE 1, NYWF (1) 4C,5G.-L. Lamoreaux, 1116 McKelvy Lane, Blue Bell, Penn. 19422

My 44 page book on the elongateds I have produced is still available at no charge. If you would like a copy for yourself or 10 to 15 copies to distribute to your local coin club or show all you need do is request them. Postage would be appreciated. Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route 1, Box 195-D, Camby, Ind. 46113

Wanted:- New Jersey Asbury Park or N.J. AP-1 elongated coins and others. John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Fla. 33054.

For Sale:- Three new Christmas coins at 75¢ each, and S.A.S.E. Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02886

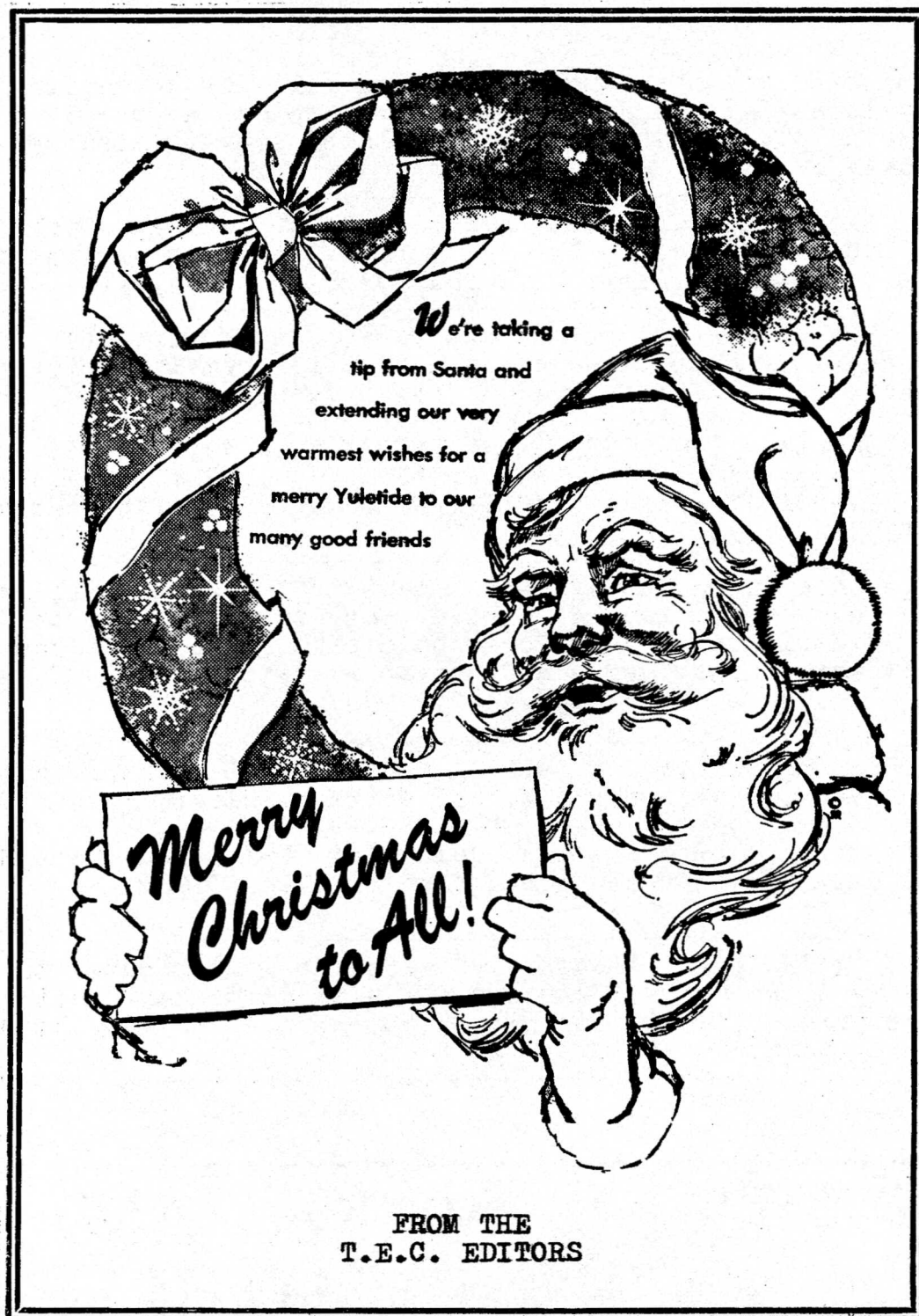
For Sale:- A 28 page illustrated booklet, "A tribute to John F. Kennedy", by A. Rosato. Featuring 20 elongated half dollars. Only 200 copies printed, 1968. Scarce, \$3.50 ea. A.A. Rosato, 44 Bank St. New Milford, Conn. 06776.

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